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Dedicated to Improving Higher Education
through Faculty, Administrative,
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Founded in 1976 by and for
Professional Educators

What is the POD Network?

The Professional and Organizational Development (POD) Network is a professional association of people who are committed to improving higher education. Its membership includes faculty from many academic disciplines who are interested in becoming better teachers and, in some cases, assisting in faculty development activities on their campuses; administrators (including department chairs, deans and vice presidents) wishing to be more effective institutional leaders; persons heading faculty and instructional development centers, and educational consultants.

The POD Network is designed to help its members find resources for renewal -- to explore common interests and concerns, exchange information and ideas, forge supportive relationships, enhance professional skills, debate issues of ethics and strategies, and plan for the future.

What makes POD unique?

POD is an open, international network. Anyone interested in improving higher education may join. Members live and work across the United States and Canada. Every type of institution is represented from two year colleges to multiversities and educational service organizations.

The key to POD's effectiveness is the opportunity that members have to work and learn together. The size of the organization and the design of the total program are structured to facilitate networking and personal and professional growth.

POD is a membership organization in the fullest sense. It is governed by the members through an elected, twenty-one member Core Committee. The Executive Director is elected annually by the Core Committee. POD business is delegated to general membership committees. All POD members, old and new, are encouraged to join committees, to run for the Core Committee, and to staff each POD activity.

How does POD serve its members?

POD's principle business is to make the idea of a "network" a serviceable reality for its members. This work is achieved through meetings and a publication program.

THE ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

The three day event, meeting in a different region each year, is the occasion for members and other interested professionals to learn from one another. Members disseminate new ideas, strategies and research results; develop skills; and build supportive relationships with other professionals. The conferences are planned to meet the diverse needs and levels of experience of POD Network members.

PUBLICATIONS

Members receive a variety of annual publications including:

Annual Handbook. The most recent publication, *To Improve the Academy*, includes practical selections on teaching, evaluation, faculty and instructional development and a special section on specific tools and techniques.

A POD Membership Directory. Each POD member is listed with special areas of interest and consulting expertise indicated. The Directory is a major way of creating networks among members.

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An open invitation to participate

If you are attracted to the commitments, values, and programs of POD, please join us.

If you have any questions, contact the current Executive Director or any member of the Core Committee. Their names and addresses are listed on this brochure. We look forward to hearing from you.

Membership Application

To join or renew your membership
in the POD Network.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

NAME (Mr.) (Mrs.) (Dr.)

POSITION

OFFICE ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

OFFICE PHONE

Annual membership fee:

Individual membership - \$ 25

(\$30 Canadian)

Institutional membership - \$100
(covers five members)

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